Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman House Committee on Appropriations Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Hilltown CDC Food Hub in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Hilltown CDC, located at 387 Main Street in Chesterfield, Massachusetts. The funding would be used for the expansion of an existing "mobile market" into a regional food hub facility. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enable the non-profit organization to connect with over twenty local farmers to provide fresh dairy, eggs, meat, and produce to communities within a region of the state that is food insecure.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

James P. McGovern Member of Congress